

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed December 8, 2003, pending claims 1 and 3-24 were made the subject of an election under 35 U.S.C. 121. A first invention was identified as being recited by device claims 1 and 3-21 and a second invention was identified as being recited by method claims 22-24.

The basis for the restriction requirement was the fact that the pending apparatus claims reciting a mask can be made by another and materially different process other than the process recited in claims 22-24.

Therefore, Applicants herein elect Invention I of claims 1 and 3-21. Applicants herein cancel claims 22-24 while reserving the right to later file such claims in a divisional application. Amendment to the title of the invention is made herein to reflect the cancellation of the method claims. No additional fees are required as a result of the requested amendments.

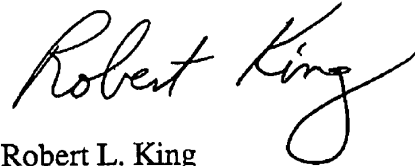
Deletion of the 'Related Application' information is herein requested. The disclosure being referenced was never filed in the U.S. and exists as European patent EP1184805. Therefore, cancellation of the paragraph is appropriate.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amendments and the allowance of claims 1 and 3-21, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. Should issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a

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telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (512) 996-6839.

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